

P. R. Miles
Bewdley,

10th August, 1943.

To the Town Council of Bewdley.

Gentlemen,

My Report for the year 1942 is confined to necessary statistics, and matters which have affected the public health during the year.

Vital Statistics by the Registrar General is estimated to be 4,493.

The deaths registered in the district were 42.

There were 12 inward transfers, giving the number of deaths belonging to the district as 54, which gives a rate of 12 per 1,000 of the population.

There were 65 births registered in the district, and 23 inward transfers, making 88 belonging to the district, which gives a rate of 19.5 per 1,000 of the population.

There was only 1 death under 1 year of age, giving a rate of 11.3 per 1,000 children born.

Infectious Diseases.

There were notified during the year:
24 Cases of Scarlet Fever, 3 of which were removed to the Isolation Hospital, the rest were satisfactorily isolated in their own homes.
13 cases of Pneumonia, all of which recovered, with one exception.
14 cases of Measles with no death.
10 cases of Whooping Cough with no death.
1 Case of Paratyphoid B. which was removed to Hospital, and recovered.
1 Case of Puerperal Pyrenia, which was removed to Hospital, and recovered.
1 Case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum, which recovered.
1 Case of Erysipelas.

There was no case of Diphtheria notified during the year.

During the year 109 children under 5 years of age, and 23 between 5 and 15 were immunised against Diphtheria.

I estimate that the number of children in the district is, Under 5, 299, between 5 and 15, 718.

I estimate that the number of children in the district who have been immunised is now, under 5 years of age, 73.2%, between 5 and 15, 85%.

5 Cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year, with one death due to that disease.

Sewerage

The work of laying the new sewers is almost complete. When this is done, the work of connecting the houses will be put in hand, but, owing to the shortage of labour, the work is very slow.

I remain, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

U.W.N. Miles.

Medical Officer of Health.

